

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows. Applicant attaches to this paper a clean version of the amended Abstract, labeled "Replacement Abstract."

A capacitance detection circuit containing an input protection circuit and having high sensitivity is provided. A capacitance detection circuit (20) for detecting the capacitance of a capacitive sensor (Cs), comprising a buffer amplifier (42) connected to the capacitive sensor (Cs) via a signal wire (13) and having a voltage gain of 1; diodes (Dp1, Dp2) connected in series between the signal wire (13) and a positive power supply (+Vdd); diodes (Dm1, Dm2) connected in series between the signal wire (13) and a negative power supply (-Vdd), wherein an output terminal of the buffer amplifier (42) is connected to a junction point (24a) of the diodes (Dp1 and Dp2) and to a junction point (24b) of the diodes (Dm1 and Dm2).